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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation,
Volume 7, Part A (DoDFMR Vol 7A), Diplomate Pay for
Psychologists and Board Certified Pay for Non-Physician
Health Care Providers (DFAS Item E-57)

This is Interim Change Number 6-96 to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the DoDFMR Vol 7A, Chapter 5, which incorporates the implementing policy for Diplomate Pay and Board Certified Pay for psychologists, clinical social workers, and non-physician health care providers. The attached final version of the change includes your comments where appropriate. Assignment of an interim change number is your authority to initiate programming and procedural modifications to facilitate this change.

We have determined this regulatory change is to be implemented under the auspices of DFAS Regulation 7920.3-R. The DJMS PMO will ensure the necessary systems changes are scheduled for implementation consistent with all known requirements. Centers are advised to make DFAS Headquarters (FMM) an information addressee on implementing field procedures. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR Vol 7A.

Our point of contact, Ms. Ann Cook may be contacted at DSN 327-5059 or (703) 607-5059. Our FAX number is DSN 332-5271 or (703) 602-5271.

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Attachments:
As stated

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1. Add a new Section I to Part 1, Chapter 5, Special Pays for Medical Officers to read:

"SECTION I

BOARD CERTIFIED PAY FOR NON-PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

10582. Entitlement

Officers in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy, or Biomedical Science in the Air Force, Army Medical Specialist Corps, the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy, or designated as a Nurse in the Air Force who are health care providers (other than psychologists) are entitled to this special pay in equal monthly amounts. Effective 1 Oct 1995 (or effective 1 October 1994, if authorized by the Secretary concerned), to be eligible for special pay under this section, a non-physician health care provider:

a. Must have a post baccalaureate degree in the officer's clinical specialty.

b. Must be certified by a professional board in the officer's specialty.

c. Must be in one of the following fields:

- (1) Dietitian
- (2) Occupational Therapy
- (3) Optometry
- (4) Pharmacy
- (5) Physical Therapy
- (6) Podiatry
- (7) Social Work

10583. Rates Payable

The monthly rates payable are:

If the officer has:

less than 10 years' creditable service.....	\$166.66
10 but less than 12 years' creditable service...	\$208.33
12 but less than 14 years' creditable service...	\$250.00

14 but less than 18 years' creditable service...	\$333.33
18 or more years' creditable service.....	\$416.66

10584. Creditable Service Defined.

For purposes of awarding psychologist Diplomate Pay and Board Certified Pay for non-physician health care providers, the creditable service of the officer is computed by totaling all periods of active service **after the officer was qualified in the specialty** in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy; as a Biomedical Science Officer in the Air Force; in the Army Medical Specialist Corps; in the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy; or designated as a Nurse in the Air Force.

10585. Board Certified Defined.

A non-physician health care provider is considered board certified if:

a. Certified by boards from an organization defined for each specialty:

- (1) Dietitians -- Commission on Dietetic Registration
- (2) Occupational Therapy -- American Occupational Therapy Certification Board
- (3) Optometry -- American Academy of Optometry
- (4) Pharmacy -- American Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties
- (5) Physical Therapy -- American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists
- (6) Podiatry -- Council on Podiatric Medical Education"
- (7) Social Work -- American Board of Examiners in Social Work

2. Add a new Section J to Part 1, Chapter 5, Special Pays for Medical Officers to read:

" SECTION J
DIPLOMATE PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

10592. Entitlement

Officers in the Medical Service Corps of the Army or Navy or a Biomedical Sciences Officer in the Air Force and medical officers defined in paragraphs 10552 and 10553 are entitled to diplomate pay. Effective 1 Oct 95 (or effective 1 Oct 1994, if

authorized by the Secretary concerned), a psychologist who has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology is eligible for diplomate Pay.

10593. Rates Payable

The monthly rates payable are:

If the officer has:

less than 10 years' creditable service.....	\$166.66
10 but less than 12 years' creditable service...	\$208.33
12 but less than 14 years' creditable service...	\$250.00
14 but less than 18 years' creditable service...	\$333.33
18 or more years' creditable service.....	\$416.66

3. Revise the last two lines of paragraph 10552 to read:

"pays provided in sections A through D, I and J of this chapter, if otherwise qualified."

4. Revise the last two lines of sentence one in paragraph 10553a to read:

"pays provided in sections A through D, I and J, of this chapter."

5. Add the following citations to the Bibliography:

"Paragraph

Citation

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OASD/HA memos, 22 Sep 1994 and
6 Sep 1995
37 USC 302c(d) as amended by
P.L. 104-106, Sec 617,
10 Feb 1996

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6 Sep 1995
37 USC 302c(c) "